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EDITORIAL DISCUSSES INTERNAL DISSENSION IN SOUTH KOREAN ARMY

Last October, the troops belonging to the South Koreen Matiraal Defence Forces stationed in Yosu, Sunch'on, and Taegu revolted in opposition to Syngman Rhee's puppet government. In May this year, braving brutal suppression by the reactionary Army and Navy of South Korea, two octtalions in Chiunchion and Hongchion, Kangwon Province, deserted to the North, followed by the No 2 Special Service Ship of the South Korean Navy anchored at Pusan.

In order to cope with the situation, Syngman Rhee discharged the Chief of Staff, Chiae Byong-tok; ordered a general shake-up of regimental commanders; discharged the commander of the 8th Regiment to which the above mentioned bettalions belonged; and finally, proposed a resignation en blow of the cabinet.

What are the facts behind these desertions by the South Korean troops? One reason for the internal dissension of the Mational Defense Army is the fact that the army's higher echelon, under the auspices of the American imperialists, is composed of former high-ranking officers of the Japanese Army, such as Kim Sokwon, Ch'ae Pycng-tok, Lee Wong-jun, Lew Chae-hung, etc. On the other hand, the lower echelon is composed of men who were forced to join the army. Their reason for being in the military service is not patriotism but circumstantial necessity. Although outwardly they are bound into unity by force, inwardly their interests and thoughts are in opposition. The South Korean soldiers invariably detest their leaders, who are traitors of the Korean people.

Syngman Rhee not only collaborated with these traitors and organized them into the army, but also he used Japanese military advisers. He organized the so-called Educational Inspection Unit, as suggested by the American imperialists, and launched a general military purge. As a result, over 3,600 officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlistees were arrested and imprisoned in the military prison in Yongdungp'o, Seoul. Among the mer in his army, this action provoked great resentment toward Syngman Rhee. Furthermore, Syngaman Race thus exposed himself to intense public odium.

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